

Amendments to the claims:

1. (canceled)
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8. (canceled)
9. (currently amended) A method for cleaning vehicle windows,

comprising the following steps:

providing by means of a wiper with a wiper strip (12) with a wiper lip,
wherein the wiper lip (16) rests against the vehicle window;
providing piezoelectric elements disposed parallel to the wiper strip (12),
wherein said piezoelectric elements act on a wiper blade rubber (14) in a wiping
direction (24) and are controlled by an electronic control unit (30);
providing a control unit (30);
activating the piezoelectric elements (10) with the control unit (30) before
activating a wiping operation when the wiper is first actuated after the vehicle has
been parked and/or at outside temperatures below freezing; and

~~characterized in that~~ setting the wiper strip (12) ~~is set~~ into oscillations lateral to its longitudinal direction (20) during the wiping operation and/or shortly before the wiping operation is begun.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 4 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the oscillations have a frequency in the ultrasonic range.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 4 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the oscillations are generated by the piezoelectric elements (10).

12. (currently amended) The method according to claim 4 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein washing water is applied to the vehicle window close to the wiper strip (12) during the wiping operation.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ method according to claim 5 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the piezoelectric elements (10) are supported in a flexible support (18) perpendicular to the vehicle window.

15. (currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ method according to claim 6 14, characterized in that wherein the support (18) of the piezoelectric elements (10) is formed onto a profiled back (28) of the wiper blade rubber (14).

16. (canceled)